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(54) **METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A TRAFFIC-LIGHT-SEQUENCE ASSISTANT OF A VEHICLE, SAID ASSISTANT DETECTING TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method supports a vehicle's traffic-light-sequence assistant system that detects traffic light sequences of a traffic light (**11**) with a camera (**1**). According to the method, when the traffic light (**11**) is detected in the field of view (**1a** ) of the camera (**1**), a length or an end stopping point (L) of a driving path (W) toward the traffic light (**11**) is determined by a control unit (**3**), such that the traffic light will remain within view of the camera when the vehicle drives the determined length along the driving path to the end stopping point, and a control signal (St) concerning the determined length (L) or the end stopping point of the driving path (W) is outputted.

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